

Spending habits of Australian households: ABS

States/Territories - average weekly household expenditure - selected categories

Statistically significant differences between 1998-99 and 2003-04

Figures expressed as %

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
Current housing costs									
Rent	31	25						40	23
Interest component of mortgage repayments	52	44	30	62	72	40	18		47
Domestic fuel and power									
Electricity	24	36	37	51	26	40	25	38	32
Food and non-alcoholic beverages									
Bread	12			16					7
Fresh milk		-10			-14				-5
Sugar	-13	-23							-15
Tea		22							11
Coffee			-25						-7
Vegetables	20	21	21	25	27	35		33	22
Meat	31	22	23	21	37	39	26		27
Fish/seafood	41	29	26			68			31
Takeaway meals/fast food	25	13	30	27	12	27			21
Alcoholic beverages									
Beer			-19			49			
Wine				62		70			20
Tobacco products									
Cigarettes									
Clothing and footwear									
Men's clothing									
Women's clothing	24								17
Household furnishings/equipment									
Household appliances									
Household services/operation									
Telephone, fixed line	17	17	13		13	15		22	15
Telephone, mobile	162	213	158	160	259	312	125	139	183
Child care		42	78						34
Medical care/health expenses									
Health/accident insurance	39	26	31	24	50	25	45	84	34
Health practitioners' fees	54		47	30	84			100	44
Transport									
Motor vehicle purchase			37	86					16
Petrol	25	22	28	38	23	42	29	28	26
Public transport	28								19
Recreation									
Internet	197	445	215	183	350				236
Pay TV	357	318	173	107	545	291	251	650	274
Newspapers				44					
Personal care									
Toiletries/cosmetics			15	30	31	23			19
Miscellaneous goods and services									
Primary/secondary education fees		35			84		152		34
Higher education fees		134			29	27	14	22	53
Total goods and services	27	24	26	35	29	27	14	22	26

Differences have only been shown where they are statistically significant.

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